

TRIBUTE TO IMMANUEL UNITED  
METHODIST CHURCH

**HON. SANDER M. LEVIN**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 5, 2003*

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the designation of Immanuel United Methodist Church in Roseville, Michigan as a Michigan Historical Site. The site will be dedicated on Sunday, June 8, 2003, when the Michigan Historical Marker is officially unveiled at the church.

The criteria for becoming a Michigan Historical Site are strict. A site must possess integrity of location, design, materials, and workmanship. Additionally, a property's historical significance must reflect the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction.

The Immanuel United Methodist congregation has continuously ministered to this community for over 153 years. The congregation was established in November 1849 and moved to its present location in 1933. This Neo-Gothic sandstone church was designed by Merritt and Cole of Detroit and was dedicated on November 5, 1933.

Many changes and improvement have been made to the church over the years. A thirteen room educational unit was added in 1956, and the existing rooms were refurbished to create a beautiful new church parlor. The church was also renovated in 1997 to include facilities for the physically handicapped. The new structure addition was named Peace Memorial Lobby in honor of the merger of Peace United Methodist Church with Immanuel in 1996.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the leadership and the entire congregation at Immanuel United Methodist Church, as they celebrate this important designation as a Michigan Historical Site.

CONDEMNING THE ATTACKS  
AGAINST AUNG SAN SUU

**HON. SHERROD BROWN**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 5, 2003*

Mr. BROWN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I condemn the attacks by Burma's brutal military regime against 1991 Nobel Peace Prize recipient Aung San Suu Kyi (Chee) and her party, the National League for Democracy.

The NLD and its members are the rightfully elected leaders of Burma. For 13 years the military rulers of Burma have suppressed their people and ignored the results of the 1990 elections.

Burma's military regime must not be permitted to attack, murder, imprison, and torture its people with impunity.

Now is the time for the United States to increase pressure against this regime. Now is the time for Congress and the administration to ban imports from Burma and freeze their assets.

I am disappointed in the silence of the Asia Bureau at the U.S. State Department over the past month.

While human rights groups have sought to bring to their attention the need to increase

pressure on this regime, the Bureau has done nothing.

Now Miss Kyi (Chee) is once again being illegally detained against her will, "for her own protection," as the military has termed it. The Asia Bureau sticks to its indefensible position of doing nothing.

Now is the time for Congress to act.

RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING  
ALL WHO PARTICIPATED IN AND  
SUPPORTED OPERATION ENDUR-  
ING FREEDOM IN AFGHANISTAN  
AND OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM  
IN IRAQ

SPEECH OF

**HON. MARK E. SOUDER**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 4, 2003*

Mr. SOUDER. Mr. Speaker, yesterday, with the passage of H. Con. Res. 177, the House paid tribute to the unwavering dedication of the men and women who serve America as members of the armed forces. In addition to the professional soldiers, sailors and Marines who are risking their lives throughout the world, thousands of reservists have interrupted their lives to answer their nation's call. In my district alone, nearly 650 members of the 1st Battalion 293rd Infantry Division of the Indiana National Guard are currently serving in Iraq.

Whether active or reserve, at home or abroad, members of America's Armed Forces accept their difficult mission and carry out their duty with unparalleled skill, courage and dedication. We owe them our gratitude.

In the aftermath of September 11, 2001, American forces displayed their incomparable skills and adaptability across the rugged terrain of Afghanistan, where they confronted and defeated forces that had threatened the security of the free world. More recently, when called to free the Iraqi people from the rule of an evil despot, the United States Armed Forces performed among the most daring, well-executed military missions in the history of warfare. In both instances, when detractors claimed that the United States would become mired in untenable situations, our military devised strategies to obtain the stated objectives with minimal casualties or collateral damage and then proceeded to unleash the focused force of America's soldiers to carry out decisively the task of victory.

Tragically, as the war on terrorism carries American forces throughout the world to continue the battle for liberty, many of our young men and women will not return. Among them, Lance Corporal David K. Fribley of the United States Marine Corps, originally from Atwood, Indiana, in my district, was killed in the opening days of Operation Iraqi Freedom in an ambush near An Nasiriyah, Iraq. At that time, I rose in the House to pay tribute to this courageous young man, and I would like to express once again the nation's eternal thanks to those like Lance Corporal Fribley who make the greatest of sacrifices for our nation and our freedom.

FULLY FUND THE NO CHILD LEFT  
BEHIND ACT

**HON. BOB ETHERIDGE**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 5, 2003*

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce legislation to right a terrible wrong that has been perpetrated on our schools and our children in this country.

Last Congress, we passed and the President signed into law, the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB). I voted for that bill because the Administration promised historic new investments to facilitate education reforms and dramatically improve educational performance in this country.

Unfortunately, that promise has been broken. The Administration has refused to fund its own program and is cutting billions from NCLB. In this year's budget request alone, the Administration is proposing to shortchange NCLB by \$9.7 billion. Over the first three years of the new law, the Administration cuts \$20 billion from the funds that are needed to make NCLB work.

Without the promised federal funds, states and mostly localities will be forced to bear the brunt of these tough new requirements. In North Carolina and across the country, the state budget and those in our counties, towns and cities are in fiscal crisis. The administration's education cuts to NCLB will cruelly punish our children by withholding funds needed to achieve these tough new requirements. And without the promised funding NCLB will become a massive unfunded mandate on our local governments that could lead to higher property taxes, cuts in vital services like police, fire and rescue and roads. Or both.

Mr. Speaker, a promise is a promise and a deal is a deal. Because the Administration has demonstrated its unwillingness to live up to its side of the bargain and provide necessary funding, Congress should rescind its authority to implement the reforms until those funds are forthcoming.

Today, I am introducing legislation that I have been working on for several months to accomplish just that. My bill, the Fully Fund the Leave No Child Behind Act requires the federal government to fully fund NCLB or the requirements in the statute are suspended for the year in which full funds are not provided. My bill specifies Title I and Title II of NCLB, which deal with school assessments and teacher training requirements respectively. My bill does not apply to sections of NCLB on Limited English Proficient Education, 21st Century Schools, public school choice, Impact Aid and other important provisions.

Let me state that I continue to support the goals of NCLB. As the former Superintendent of North Carolina's public schools, I have led the fight for standards based education reform in the state that is widely recognized as the national leader in that effort. I want to make sure NCLB works so that every school in this country is a quality learning environment for our children. This legislation is an effort to hold the Administration's feet to the fire to make sure that its record matches its rhetoric.

Mr. Speaker, Congress must ensure that the federal government honor its commitments to our nation's children. I urge my colleagues to join me in support of this vital legislation.